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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Our Case No. 00,128)

In re Application of: Quentin-Millet et al.) Examiner: M. Pak
Serial No. 08/591,447) Art Unit: 1646
Filed: April 18, 1996)
For: TBP2 FRAGMENTS OF THE TRANSFERRIN)
RECEPTOR OF *NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS*)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-cited Application on the merits, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 54-76 and add the following new claims:

83 ~~79~~ A polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence derived from the sequence of a Tbp2 subunit that comprises first, second, and third domains that correspond to the first, second, and third domains of SEQ. ID. NO: 4 when the Tbp2 subunit and SEQ. ID. NO: 4 are in maximum identical amino acid alignment, wherein (a) the maximum identical amino acid alignment is the alignment that maximizes the number of identical amino acids of the Tbp2 subunit with SEQ ID NO: 4 while allowing for the insertion of vacant positions, (b) the polypeptide is derived from the Tbp2 subunit by total or partial deletion of at least one domain,